



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Michael GIESING, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Patent Application No. 09/485,879)	Examiner: Jeanine Anne Goldberg
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Filed: June 22, 2000)	Confirmation No. 6896
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For: METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF DISSEMINATED AND MICROMETASTASIZED CANCER CELLS		

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL ACTION
ENCLOSING NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action of July 20, 2004. Request is made for a three month extension of time.

The Examiner was telephoned to clarify the status of the application. She checked the file and agreed that the Office Action is non-final. She indicated that the statement under item 10 of the Office Action that the action is final was an artifact from a previous Office Action and that the action was counted as non-final.

Please consider the following LISTING AND AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS.